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CONCORD MAN ENTERS PLEA FOR DRUG SALE

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and New Hampshire State Police Colonel Frederick H. Booth announced today that Jonathan Wickers, 26, formerly of Concord, New Hampshire, pleaded guilty Friday, March 11, 2005, to distributing cocaine on March 25, 2004. Wickers was arrested after selling 17.40 grams, approximately three-fifths of an ounce of cocaine to an undercover officer.

Wickers faces a statutory maximum sentence of 20 years and a \$1 million fine. Wickers and the government entered into a plea agreement under which Wickers will serve a 5 year sentence. The court reserved ruling on whether it will accept the plea agreement sentence until after a presentence investigation report is completed.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated, "Congress has enacted stiff penalties for individuals who engage in drug trafficking. This office will continue to dedicate its resources to the aggressive prosecution of those individuals operating in New Hampshire."

A sentencing hearing will be held on June 28, 2005 at the United States District Court in Concord, New Hampshire. The case was investigated by the New Hampshire State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit and prosecuted by AUSA Aixa Maldonado.